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t. The following shipments were dispatched at the Guben railroad station:
Shipment Record

| <u>Date</u> | Number | From | <u>To</u> | Remarks |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| 24 June | 14096, 14097 | Cottbus | Kowel | air Force personnel from Cottbus |
| 25,726 June | 12385, 12386 | Werneuchen | Kowel | air force units from Werneuchen |
| 27 June | one train | undetermined | undetermined | air force units |
| 28 June | 12384, 12382 | undetermined | undetermined | air force units |
| 29 June, 1 July | two trains | Jagodin | Cottbus | empty |
| 30 June | two trains | Werneuchen | Kowel | air force units from Werneuchen |

2. At 5:30 A.M. on 3 July, eight tanks and 30 to 35 trucks, coming from the east entered the Flak and Adler casernes in Doeberitz. At 5:30 A.M. on 4 July, nine trucks with six or seven 120 mm mortars entered Altes Lager and 11 trucks with light AT guns entered the Adler Kaserne.²

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- 3. A train with guns and trucks of the 12th Guards Tank Division was seen in Buch at 5 P.M. on 6 July. The shipment had probably come from the Berlin area.
- 4. A train carrying elements of the 4th AT Artillery Brigade was seen at the Stralsund railroad station on 10 July.
- 5. On 2 July, 25 T-34 tanks of the 14th Guards Mechanized Division were seen proceeding toward Klein Beuthen, coming from the direction of Jueterbog.

 Telephone lines were laid by GOFG vehicles along the Klein Beuthen-Siethen road. About 500 infantrymen were seen in the woods between Siethen and Ludwigsfelde.3
- 6. Soviet families were sent away from Imebben on 25 and 26 June.
- 7. The two barracks installations in Eberswalde were occupied to capacity on 4 July.
- 8. Tanks, guns and motor vehicles of the 1st Mechanized Division were loaded at the Berlin-Schoeneweide railroad station at 10:30 P.M. on 11 July. During the night of 11 July, two large columns with more than 400 motor vehicles, at least 70 field and AT guns and 25 armored scout cars of the 1st Mechanized Division were seen leaving Berlin toward Wassmannsdorf, via Schoenefeld.⁴

9. Welzow airfield was observed to be vacated on 29 June and 7 July. 5

10. Cottbus airfield was vacated by the Soviets; the 70 to 80 MIG-15's there had left the airfield.

111. Military shipments indicated by official records are as follows:

| <u>Date</u> | From | <u>Tọ</u> | No. of Trains | Shipment Record Number | Remarks |
|-------------|------------|-------------|------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 9 & 10 July | Wittenberg | Jueterbog | 3 | 61851 61852 61853 | Possible return of units of the 6th Guards Tank Division from employment at Wittenberg. |
| 10 July | Brand | Altengrabow | 1 | 61667 | Transfer of air force units (AAA) for combat firing practice. |
| ll July | Wuensdorf | Niederfinow | 1 | 61411 | |
| 11 July | Wuensdorf | Kroepelin | 1 | 61412 | Transfer of elements of the 2nd Guards AAA Division for combat firing practice. |

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|-------------|---------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--|--|
| Date | From | <u>To</u> | No. of Trains | Shipment Record Number | Remarks |
| 11 July | Forst Zinna | Neuruppin | 1 | 61696 | Possibly shipments of units of the 12th Guards Tank Division. Arrivals at Forst Zinna area prior to 12 June had not been observed. |
| ll July | Euckenwalde | Altengrabow | 1 | 61770 | Transfer of artillery units (91st Guards RL Regiment and/or 199th Light Artillery Brigade for combat firing practice. |
| ll July | Jueterbog | Altengrabow | 2 | 61771 61764 | See remarks above |
| 11, 13 July | Schoeneweide | Doeberitz | 5 | 61462 61464 61407 61415 61466 | Departure of units of the 1st Mechanized Division from Berlin. |
| 11, 13 July | Buch | Neuruppin | 7(sic) | 61450 61451 61452 61453 61454 61455 | Departure of units of the 12th Guards Tank Division from the area just north of Berlin. |
| 12 July | Forst Zinna | Neuruppin and Fuerstenberg | 2 | 61697 61699 | See remark for Ship- ment Record No. 61696. |
| 12 July | Doeberitz | Jueterbog | 1 | 61766 | Transfer of a unit of the 1st Mechanized Division for combat firing practice. |
| 12 July | Velten | Altengrabow | 1 | 61768 | Transfer for combat firing practice probably of a unit of the 31st AAA Division |
| 12 July | Jueterbog | Wittenberg | 4 | 61854 61855 61856 61857 | |
| 13 July | Neuruppin | Neubukow | ı | 61709 | Transfer of an AAA |

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1. It is believed that the trains dispatched on 27 and 29 June also went to Kowel.

unit of the 12th Guards

Tank Division for combat firing practice.

- 2. All the vehicles were identified as belonging to the 1st Mechanized Division.

 Elements of this division were probably returning from East Berlin.
- 3. Probably an exercise by elements of the 14th Guards Mechanized Division in the area north of Trebbin.

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- 4. It is believed that elements of the 1st Mechanized Division and of the 12th Guards
 Tank Division which had still remained in the Berlin area started leaving Berlin
 for their posts. Numerous movements to training grounds observed in the area of
 the Berlin regional railroad headquarters also indicate that training activity
 has been fully resumed.
- 5. Finstervalde airfield is the only airfield occupied by IL-28's which has not been reported to have been vacated.
- . 6. It is not definitely clear whether the departing Soviet force was the Soviet instruction regiment of the VPL. It has been implied by several sources that the policy of placing MiG-15's under VPL control has been reversed.